Promotional/Channels for the subordinate staff

2585. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any promotional channels for the subordinate staff working in different departments under the Ministry of Communications;

(b) whether it is a fact that the administration has accepted in principle to give promotions to staff on completion of sixteen years of services;

(c) if so, whether this rule is also applicable to the employees working in the Savings Bank Central Organisation;

(d) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Bhartiya Dak Karmachari Sangh, Pandharpur Branch in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken for applying the rule of promotion after sixteen years of service to the employees of the Savings Bank Central Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (e) The subordinate employees have been provided promotional channels by virtue of the structure of their cadres or through the 20% Selection Grade Scheme or the Time Bound One Promotion Scheme under which an employee is promoted on completion of 16 years of service if he is found fit. This scheme is not applicable to cadres which are common with other departments of Government of India. The Savings Bank Control Organisation employees, whose cadres have been organised on the pattern of LDC/UDC etc. are common with other Government departments and therefore they are not given benefit of the Time Bound Promotion Scheme. It is further stated that no memorandum from the Bhartiya Dak Karamchari Sangh, Pandharpur in Maharashtra has been received so far.

Cases cleared for medical treatment abroad

2586. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of medical treatment abroad cleared by the Ministry during the last two years, year-wise and till date;

(b) what is the detailed procedure to be followed by the applicants whose cases are cleared by the Ministry, for getting the foreign exchange required in each case;

(c) whether the cases which are cleared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are required to be referred by the Departments, in which the applicants are employed, to the Ministry of Finance for the grant of foreign exchange and if so, the name of the authority which decides about the amount of foreign exchange to be released in each case; and

(d) the details of the items of expenditure permitted to be incurred by the applicant and the attendant in this regard and what is the ceiling thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The number of cases of medical treatment abroad in respect of Central Government employees/public sector employees and members of their families and Members of Parliament cleared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the last two years, yearwise and till date are as under:—

1987	1988	1989 (till 4.8.89)
28	42	22

(b) The requests for treatment abroad are entertained in respect of those cases only for which facilities for treatment are not available in India. The applicants will have to send their medical history